**Conversion of MG into BG between Miraj-Londa-Hubli-Hospet Gadag Bijapur**

815. SHRI SOMAPPA R. BOMMAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the date on which the inaugural cermony for converting Meter Gauge line into Broad Gauge between Miraj-Londa-Habli-Hispet 1 Gadag Bijapur was done by the Minister of Railways;

(b) what is the annual allocation made for 1992-93 and 1993-94 for implementation of the Project;

(c) what is the time schedule, if any, fixed for the completion of the project; and

(d) what is the present position?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA):

**Statement**

(a) Miraj-Londa . . . . . 2-2-93

Sholapur-Gadag (Via Bijapur) . . . 8-6-93

Londa-Hubli . . . . . 8-6-93

Hubli-Hospet . . . . . 9-6-93

(b) The following allocations have been made during 92-93 & 93-94:

| | 92-93 | 93-94 |
|---|---|---|
| Hospet-Hubli-Goa (with linked finger) 489 kms | Rs. 2.88 lakhs | Rs. 8 crores |
| Miraj-Londa (188 kms) | Rs. 1000.00 | Rs. 20 crores |
| Sholapur-Gadag (Via Bijapur) | nil | Rs. One lakh, (Supplementary Budget). |

(c) & (d) Hospet-Hubli-Londa . . . . 94-95

Londa-Miraj . . . . . 94-95

Londa-Goa . . . . . IXth Plan

Sholapur-Gadag . . . . . The work has been included in the Budget pending planning Commission's approval Actual conversion work will be taken up after Planning Commision's approval and target date will be fixed once the work is taken in hand.

**Vacant posts of General Managers in Railways**

816. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL: SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that majority of the posts of the General Managers in the Indian Railways have been lying vacant for considerable time;

(b) if so, the regions in which the General Managers are yet to be appointed by the Railways;

(c) its impact on the functioning of these regions in the absence of General Managers; and

(d) the reasons for not filling up such important and vital posts in Indian Railways stating the steps taken by Government to remove the dificiencies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): No, Sir.

(b) Out of nine posts of General Managers in nine Railway Zones, one post of General Manager, Western Railway, has fallen vacant on 1-12-93,

Arrangements have been made locally to look after the current duties thereof, pending appointment of a regular incumbent.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

**Development of Railways in Kerala State**

817. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any new allocation of resources for the development of Railways in Kerala State has been made apart from the allocation made in the railway budget; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Rs. 1.4 crores has been additionally provided by reappropriation to Kayankulam-Quilon doubling project and Rs. 1 crore to Trivandrum-Quilon doubling during the current financial year.

**Doubling of Mangalore-Shornur Sector**

818. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the utmost necessity to double the Mangalore-Shornur sector for the full benefit of the Konkan Railway project in Kerala;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government for doubling this sector and the time frame of its implementation; and

(c) by when the Quilon-Trivandrum sector would be doubled?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) and (b) A survey for doubling of Shoranur-Mangalore line has been taken up which will assess the traffic potential of the section including the change in the pattern of traffic with the commissioning of Konkan Railway and gauge conversion works in this area. Further action will depend on the results of the survey and availability of resources in the coming years.

(c) The doubling of Quilon-Trivandrum railway line (65 kms) has been sanctioned. Land acquisition is in progress and is expected to be completed in 1994-95. Doubling work would be taken up thereafter and completed as per availability of resources in the coming years.

**Modernisation of Hubli Railway Workshop**

819. SHRI J. P. JAVALI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Hubli Railway workshop would be amidst broad gauge line shortly, in view of gauge conversion;

(b) if so, what steps were taken/or are being taken to upgrade and modernise the workshop; and

(c) whether modernisation would generate more jobs, and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Hubli workshop is not being modernised. However, in view of gauge conversion, it is proposed to convert the Metre Gauge workshop to Broad Gauge workshop for which a Techno Economic Survey has been carried out

(c) Does not arise.

**Introduction of Non-stop Train between Delhi and Madras**

820. SHRI V. RAJAN CHELLAPPA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Sub Group of Parliamentary Consultative